No. 89

In the Name of God. Amen! I, Samuel Gause, of the State of North Carolina and County of Brunswick, being of perfect mind and memory (thanks be to God) calling to mind the mortality of flesh, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die. Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, first, I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God from whom it received its birth, trusting in the merits of our Blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, for a Glorious Resurrection, and as touching such worldly goods, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and bequeath in manner and form following - Item, I give unto my wife Margaret Gause one third of my lands during her natural life, also an equal share with my children of all my personal estate, with my riding chair and harness to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath all the rest & residue of my estate, real and personal, to my six children, William James, Margaritte, Mary, Harriet, Samuel Leyens, and Anna, and such other child or children as I may hereafter have by my said wife Margaret if any, to be equally divided among them share and share alike, to be divided by my Executors in the following manner, that is to say, that whenever my wife calls for her part, for it to be divided off to her and the residue to remain together for the common support and maintenance of said children, until the first that arrives to the age of twenty one, or marries then a division to take place among all my children, share and share alike equally. It is also my will and desire that should not my lands in the State of Tennessee be disposed of, by virtue of my power of attorney to Thomas Brown of Bladen County, that my Executors hereinafter named should dispose of said lands to the best advantage & apply the money arising therefrom to the use of my wife and children in such manner as they may think most advantageous. I also leave it discretionary with my Executors to keep the negroes on the plantation or hire them out as they may think most advantageous. Lastly I nominate, constitute & appoint my loving wife Margaret Gause Executrix, my uncle William Mooring and my son William James when he arrives to the age of twenty years my Executors to this my last will and testament, & do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declared & pronounce this to be my last Will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of August A. D. 1810. Samuel Gause

Signed, sealed & declared to be the last will & testament of the Testator in presence of us, Samuel Gause, do hereby nominate this as a Codicil to his last will and testament. viz: I give, devise & bequeath my chair home to my wife Margaret Gause to her and her heirs forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of July A. D. 1811. Witness - John Jos. Gause — Samuel Gause

State of N. Carolina, Brunswick County, Clerk's Office, June 1st 1903. The due execution of this Will was proved in open Court by the oath of John J. Strong, one witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded. Recorded in book A, page 58. John Julius Gause, Clerk

Recorded originally in book A of Wills, page 58. Filed in Envelope, 1903. Recorded July 1st, 1903 — Copied from Original Filed in Envelope. Recorded in B. P. 58.

In the Name of God, Amen!

No. 192

I, John Poisson, of Brunswick County, State of North Carolina, mindful and aware & publish this - My Last Will and Testament in manner following, viz:-

Item 1. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Mary, all my plate, house hold and Kitchen furniture, my horses, chair, harness, saddle and bridles, my horse cart and tackle, six of my milch cows and a negro girl called yellow Fanny to her and her heirs forever.

" 2. I give and bequeath to my said wife, Mary, my negro carpenter, John, during her natural life, and my negro boy Frank during her widowhood, in case of her marriage, to my children, and I request my Executors and the guardian to my children frequently to remind of his kindness and attention to me especially during my sickness. If my said wife, should remain a widow and my said negro boy, Frank, should behave well to her I request her to provide for him, at her decease.

" 3. All the rest and residue of the real and personal estate of which I may die possessed, I give and bequeath to my beloved children John, Lewis & one which my wife may have after my decease, to be equally divided among them, to them and their heirs forever.

" 4. Whereas it may be necessary for my Executors to sell some of my property for the payment of my debts, I therefore strongly recommend to them, to sell my lands in preference to my negroes, and I hereby authorize them to do the same, if they should think it not to the interest of my children.

" 5. If my Executors should sell my land for the purposes above mentioned after my debts are paid & my wife has received a compensation for her dower, it is my will that the remainder of the money be laid out by my Executors in bank stock or in other property, as they may think most to the interest of my children.

" 6. The many kind and distinguished acts of friendship which I have received from Mess. Alex^r Duncan Moore, George Davis and Col. Samuel Ashe, have induced me to believe that their good offices will be extended to my dear unhappy children, I therefore constitute and appoint my worthy and esteemed friends, the said Alex^r Duncan Moore, George Davis, and Col. Samuel Ashe, Executors to this my last will & testament.

" 6. Reasons similar to those above mentioned have induced me to constitute & appoint my beloved brother-in-law Thomas Junius Davis, Guardian to my children, during their minority.

" 7. & Lastly, I hereby make ordain & publish this my true last will & testament being in sound mind & of good disposing memory & do revoke & make void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made. Oct. 12th 1811.

Witness - John J. Strong
Richard Ashe
Thomas Ashe

John J. Poisson.